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OUTLINE OF STAY-BEHIND OPERATION

Division: M Country: Austria Cryptonym: Vienna Station  
Case Officer: [ ] Date: 1 January 1961  
Branch Chief [ ] Division Chief: Richard Helms

Existing and Planned Facilities

1. PARTICIPATION BY OTHER SERVICES

Primarily independent. One project will be shared with OPC. It is hoped that we may be able to generate stay-behind operations in conjunction with the Austrian Ministry of the Interior in return for financial and other assistance.

2. INTENDED FUNCTION

Pre Emergency: To train and hold in readiness W/T operators who may be tied into existing intelligence gathering networks at a time of crisis. To recruit other W/T operators, couriers, and principal agents for service during a post-occupation period in Austria.

Post-emergency: To provide OB, CE, industrial, political and economic intelligence.

3. STRUCTURE AND SIZE

A total of 20 circuits under the sole control and direction of OSO is planned. In some cases, the radio operator will be a lone wolf reporter, but in most a circuit will consist of at least one W/T operator tied in through appropriate cut-outs, dead letter drops, and couriers to a principal agent, who in turn will operate either as a lone wolf or as chief of a network of sub-agents and informants. It is not known how many circuits OPC will plan for the [ ] project, for which it is primarily responsible and for which it will provide equipment, financial and material assistance. Equipment for another 10 circuits, using SSTR-1's, and other material assistance, may be placed at the disposal of the Austrian Ministry of Interior for stay-behind operations directed by this Agency if a mutually satisfactory agreement can be reached. The Austrian political situation has not yet reached the point where Austrian officials can be approached. Preparatory discussions have been held.

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4. PERSONNEL

	<u>Chief Agents</u>	<u>Sub-Agents</u>	<u>W/T Operators</u>
(a)			
Recruited:	7		
Trained			2
In Training			2
Untrained			2
Spotted			1
Total Required	<u>18</u> 25	<u>35</u> 36	<u>18</u> 25

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Grand Total 85

(b) Currently recruited W/T Personnel include:

[ ]: Trained operator, now undergoing refresher training. Has network of 6 sub-agents, couriers and cut-outs, who have agreed to assist him in time of emergency. One of these, [ ] 6, has been proposed for W/T training as an alternate operator for [ ]'s circuit. This training is under consideration, but approval has not yet been granted. [ ] has buried two SSTR-1's in the neighborhood of Wiener Neustadt and has two sets of crystals and signal plans for LIMBER. These will be changed to JACKAL before 1 March 1951.

[ ]: Trained operator. Because of a potential security hazard this agent was dropped from the stay-behind program in the winter of 1949. The shortage of trained personnel in the area, and the fact that his usefulness for at least a short period after the beginning of an emergency seems assured, have made his re-inclusion in the program seem worthwhile. No SSTR-1 has been issued to him. A signal plan for JACKAL will be issued before 1 March 1951 to the station to hold for him. At the sign of an emergency he will be told the location of one of the radios buried by members of the Vienna station.

[ ]: Partially trained operator. Continuing elementary training in Vienna. A signal plan for JACKAL will be issued prior to 1 March 1951 to the station to be held for his use.

[ ]: Proposed by [ ] as W/T operator for latter's project, a stay-behind resistance operation being directed by OPC with assistance from OSO personnel. [ ]'s training has been authorized. The preliminary phase will begin shortly in Salzburg.

(c) Currently recruited non-W/T agents who may remain in place and who may be tied in with W/T operators:

[ ], semi-blind tobacconist in Vienna, potentially useful as cut-out, letter-drop, etc. Currently has 1 SSTR-1 for safekeeping.

[ ], employee of Yushvneshttrans, Soviet transport firm, probably will be able to provide OB and shipping information.

[ ], owner of radio shop in Vienna, useful as cut-out or principal agent handling informants.

[ ], official of Danube Shipping Corporation, to provide OB and shipping statistics.

[ ], official of Soviet controlled electrical firm, to provide OB and industrial information.

[ ], employee of Soviet-controlled oil company, to provide OB and industrial information.

[ ], employee Soviet Oil Administration, to provide OB and industrial information.

[ ], Viennese businessman, elderly, about to retire from Lumber business, to provide OB and OB types of information.

[ ], see above, sub-paragraph d.

5. TRAINING PROGRAM

[ ], Comemo representative, is currently in Vienna to conduct the refresher training of [ ] and [ ] and the basic training of [ ]. [ ] and other W/T candidates

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not yet spotted and/or recruited, will be instructed in the elementary phases of radio work by their case officers and through independent practice. When this phase is completed, the details of their further training will be decided in each individual case. It is envisaged that at least one full-time COMMO training officer can be kept busy at the Vienna station by the end of fiscal year 1951.

6. DUPLICATION OF RECORDS

Records of burial sites of W/T equipment are presently on file at both the Vienna station and in FDE, HQ.  
Agent records are also duplicated at the Vienna Station and at the HQ desk.  
COMMO equipment and training records are available in Vienna, Karlsruhe, and HQ.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Equipment

	Total Required for FY 1951	In Station	Held by Agents	Buried	Total Contemplated
SSTR-1	10 (on order)	5	1	11 *	30
RS-1	10	0	0	0	20
RS-6	0	0	0	0	10
SSP-11	5	0	0	1	10

\* 1 SSTR-1 buried in Hungary by an agent of the Salzburg base.

(b) Training Aids

At least three sets, including instructographs and tapes, international Morse code, Q and procedure signals, Vigenere squares, at station. 7 more sets required.

(c) Base Station

At present only signal plans at station play into LIMBER. Since this will be of little value in the event Austria is over run, it is planned to replace these with plans for JACKAL before 1 March 1951.

(d) Signal Plans and Crystal

1 set for LIMBER buried by agent [ ] 1. Sets for JACKAL will be issued to the station to be held for [ ] and [ ] before 1 March 1951. 1 set for JACKAL to be issued to [ ] of the station staff. 2 more sets required before end of fiscal year 1951. Eventually, a total of 20 sets will be required.

8. SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

(a) Issued: A small quantity of medical supplies to agent [ ] 1.

On Hand: At last report, the station was planning to prepare packets of tinned food, clothing, and medical supplies to be held for issuance at the time of an emergency. Exact amounts involved unknown at HQ.

Required: An as yet indeterminate amount of medical supplies, tinned food, clothing and other items to be cached by stay-behind networks, to be secured on the local economy from non-American origin, including bicycles or motorbikes, skiing and climbing

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equipment, and small arms and ammunition of European origin for active stay-behind personnel.

(b) Responsibility

( ): 2 SSIR-1's, 1 SSP-11, medical supplies.

( ): 1 SSIR-1, for temporary storage only.

Chief of Station, Vienna: All other property on hand and to be acquired.

9. COSTS

- (a) 1951 Budget Estimate - Plan GRUYERE covering stay-behind activities provides for \$1500 through 30 June 1951.  
Additional costs envisaged: Fiscal Year 1951 - none.  
Additional future costs: \$ ( )

(b) Detail

Gold coins and U.S. currency

\$ [ ] [ ]

Jewelry, barter items, such as watches

[ ] [ ]

Local currency

[ ] [ ]

Total

\$ [ ] [ ]

10. EVACUATION PLANS

- (a) Agents engaged in the recruitment of W/T operators will be evacuated. At present there are no active agents in contact with the station who fall within the category mentioned. Plans for the evacuation of other agents will be made in accordance with the requirements of each case.
- (b) Not applicable on basis sub-paragraph (a).

11. RESUPPLY PLANS

Under consideration. Courier routes and channels of the resistance group headed by [ ] will be used, as well as those of the Austrian Ministry group. Independent agents and operators will be resupplied by air drop, courier and any means available to this agency under wartime conditions and depending on the military situation.

12. OTHER REMARKS

One staff member, [ ], is undergoing refresher training and will be issued a signal plan to JACKAL, to be used only in the event it is impossible to evacuate staff personnel from Vienna in a sudden crisis.

Agent operations directed into Hungary from the Vienna station are covered in the Outline of Stay-Behind Operations for Hungary.